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THE MEDIAEVAL ACADEMY OF AMERICA
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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

May 14, 1928

Sidney P. Noe, Esq.
Care of the American Numismatic
Society
Broadway and 156th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Noe:

At the instance of Mr. Harold W. Bell I am venturing to write and ask you if you would be willing to review for Speculum, the official organ of the Mediaeval Academy of America, Professor Bellinger's recently published monograph upon "Anonymous Byzantine Bronze Coinage". I understand from Mr. Bell that this work is likely to be of extraordinary importance, and consequently we are anxious to see that justice is done to it.

If you should find it possible and should be willing to confer this favor upon us, I shall of course be delighted to send you, if you wish, our review copy. In case circumstances make it impossible for you to undertake this task, I should be extraordinarily grateful if you would be willing to suggest to us the name of some possible understudy.

Very sincerely yours,

Francis P. Magoun, Jr.
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May 16th, 1928.

Mr. Francis P. Magoun, Jr.,
The Mediaeval Academy of America,
Lehman Hall, Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Magoun:

Your letter of the 14th, is at hand. Inasmuch as I am the editor under whom Professor Bellinger's monograph appeared, it would be more desirable if some one else review it. I do not see why Mr. Bell might not undertake it; there are few, better informed in this field than he. If however, he could not be persuaded, I might suggest Mr. Hayford Peirc, 214 Cedar Street, Bangor, Maine, who is published in the French periodical Aretheuse, and who is very much interested in Byzantine studies.

I am glad that you are endeavoring to have this publication noticed.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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May 28, 1928

Sydney P. Noe, Esq.
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 150th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Noe:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 16. I understand why you feel loathe to review Professor Bellinger's monograph and wish to thank you for suggesting to us the name of Mr. Pierce. I may say that I tried to engage Mr. Bellinger's services but as he was on the point of leaving for Europe he could not very well undertake the job.

We are very anxious to have this publication noticed in Speculum on its own account and because we are anxious to develop the Byzantine field.

With renewed thanks for your kind interest

Very sincerely yours,

Francis P. Magoun Jr

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11th June, 1928

Professor Francis P. Magoun, Jr.,
The Mediaeval Academy of America,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Professor Magoun:

On learning from Mr. Peirce that he had declined your suggestion that he review Professor Bellinger's book because he lacked certain authorities which he did not have with him in Maine, I responded by saying that we would send our copies if that was his only reason for not having undertaken the work. I am enclosing his answer for your information. Please return it as soon as possible. If you have not already offered this to some one else and still desire Mr. Peirce to do the work, I think we can overcome the difficulties he thought were insuperable.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

21st June, 1928

Mr. John Marshall, Executive Secretary,
The Mediaeval Academy of America,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

A letter from Dr. Magoud under date of June 20th asks me to have you send to Mr. Hayford Peirce, 214 Cedar Street, Bangor, Me., a copy of the Speculum, together with Dr. Bellinger's monograph, 'The Anonymous Byzantine Bronze Coinage', which was sent you recently. Dr. Magoun wrote that in his absence you would take care of this.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

THE MEDIAEVAL ACADEMY OF AMERICA
LEHMAN HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

July 7, 1928

Dr. P. Noe, Secretary
American Numismatic Society
Broadway, between 155th and 166th Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I find on my desk your note of June 21 asking me to send to Mr. Hayford Pierce of Bangor, Maine, a copy of Speculum, together with Dr. Bellinger's monograph on the Anonymous Byzantine Bronze Coinage. I am seeing to it that Mr. Pierce has the material which he desires.

Thank you for your trouble in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Marshall,

Executive Secretary

1st April, 1929

Mr. John N. Brown,
Publishing Editor,
c/o Mediaeval Academy of America,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much indeed for the two reprints of Mr. Peirce's review of Professor pellinger's article in the January issue of Speculum. I am very glad to have these, and hope that this review may serve as an entering wedge and make some of the readers of Speculum realize the wealth of material that is at their disposal in this museum.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

THE MEDIAEVAL ACADEMY OF AMERICA
LEHMAN HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

April 3, 1929

Mr. Sydney P. Noe
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 155th and 156th Streets
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Noe:

Your letter of April 1, 1929, addressed to Mr. John Nicholas Brown has just come into my hands. I am very glad that you were pleased with Mr. Peirce's review of Professor Bellinger's monograph. I am very grateful to you for having suggested Mr. Peirce's name to me in the first place.

With renewed thanks,

Very sincerely yours,

Francis P. Magoun, Jr.

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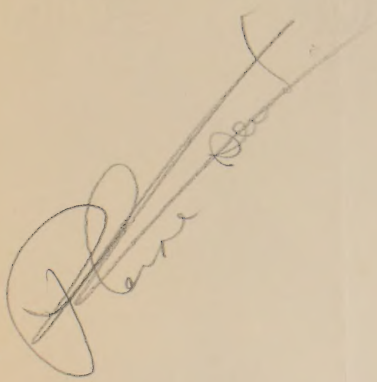

THE MEDIAEVAL ACADEMY OF AMERICA

To Members of the Academy:—

This communication is being sent to members of the Academy in order particularly that those members who were not able to attend the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, held in Boston on April 26th, may hear at once of announcements made at that meeting. The reports there presented will be printed in full in the *Bulletin*, which appears shortly.

In the communication sent you January 1st, two studies were mentioned for which the Academy was seeking financial support from the American Council of Learned Societies. The officers of the Academy now have the pleasure of announcing that the funds requested, $3,000 for each study, have been granted. The first of the studies, entitled "The English Government at Work, 1327 to 1336," is already in progress under the direction of Professor James F. Willard of the University of Colorado. Mr Willard is assisted by thirteen collaborators in this country and in Great Britain. Work on the second undertaking, a study preliminary to a Glossary of Mediaeval Terms of Business has also begun, under the direction of Professor N. S. B. Gras of Harvard University. Mr Gras has secured the services of Miss Florence Elder, who will devote her entire time to the necessary research.

A second announcement of importance concerned the Academy's excavations on the site of the Abbey Church at

Cluny. Previously this work has been supported by three gifts of $4,000 annually. The officers of the Academy announced a further pledge of $13,000 for this work, making a total of $25,000 raised and pledged. This new pledge, will make it possible for Mr. Conant, who has the direction of the enterprise, to spend six months of each year at Cluny, and, moreover, to increase considerably the scope of his study.

In the third place, the officers announced the establishment of a series to be supported with the Carnegie Revolving Publication Fund, and to be known as "Monographs of the Mediaeval Academy of America." In this series articles too long for publication in *Speculum* may be published economically and expeditiously. One manuscript has already been accepted for publication in this series, *Genoese Shipping in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries*, by Professor Eugene H. Byrne of the University of Wisconsin, a study of Genoese records, with a number of the documents studied, hitherto unpublished.

At the same time, by vote of the Council, the following statements of policy with reference to books published by the Academy were transmitted to the members:

1. That the Academy will publish no translations of works in Western European vernacular languages.
2. That the Academy will publish separately only manuscripts which exceed a minimum length of forty printed pages, or their equivalent in text and plates.
3. That the Academy will not ordinarily contribute to the support of the publications of other institutions, though willing itself to serve as publisher on request by such institutions, sharing the expense as may be determined.

4. That the Academy will give preference to the publication of studies which, though not necessarily expensive, might not otherwise be published.
5. That the Academy will not undertake the publication of material which is available elsewhere in printed form, such as papers which have previously been published in periodicals that are generally obtainable.

One important change in the Academy's administration was announced. During the past year, as members of the Academy know, the Advisory Committee on Research has rendered a signal service to the Academy. But this service was made difficult by the fact that the members of the committee, eighteen in number, were so widely scattered that meetings of the entire committee were almost impossible. By vote of the Council, this committee was discharged, with an expression of the Council's gratitude for the work it had done. At the same time, the Council requested the Fellows to assume the responsibility for the appointment of a smaller Advisory Committee on Research, to be composed of Fellows. The Fellows, at their meeting, accepted this responsibility, and appointed the following members to serve for the terms indicated: N. S. B. Gras, Harvard University, chairman, and W. A. Nitze, University of Chicago, for one year; Alexander Marx, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City, and C. R. Morey, Princeton University, for two years; George La Piana, Harvard University, and Karl Young, Yale University, for three years. The members of this new Advisory Committee on Research, representing as far as possible the various branches of mediaeval studies, are so located as to be able conveniently to attend three stated meetings annually.

At the meeting of the Corporation, the election during 1929 of the following Fellows and Corresponding Fellows was announced:

Fellows

Robert Pierpont Blake, Harvard University.

Charles Carroll Marden, Princeton University.

James Hugh Ryan, Catholic University of America.

Corresponding Fellows

Vasilii Mikhailovich Istrin, Academy of Sciences of the U. S. S. R.

Frederick Maurice Powicke, Oxford University.

Karl Sudhoff, University of Leipzig.

The following officers were elected to succeed the officers whose terms expired at that time:

President, Dana Carleton Munro, Princeton University.

Third-Vice-President, Arthur Charles Lewis Brown, Northwestern University.

Members of the Council, to succeed Messrs Carleton Brown, Haskins, Lawrence, and Nitze,

Charles Homer Haskins, Harvard University.

Thomas Atkinson Jenkins, University of Chicago.

Henry Goddard Leach, New York City.

James Hugh Ryan, Catholic University of America.

Ralph Adams Cram, *Clerk.*

May 1, 1930.